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FOL REPEAT CDR USAGO MAKIMINATO JAPAN //TTPI-LNO//

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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT FOR DOTA AND OSN

SUBJ: U.S./GOJ AGREEMENT

1. REF TELECON ZEDER/JRQ 9 MAR 76, THE FOL INFO IS FURNISHED:
 2. U.S./GOJ AGREEMENT : IN 8 MAR MEETING BETWEEN JRQ AND TANAKA OF GOJ SUBJ OF CHANGING U.S./GOJ AGREEMENT WAS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED. GOJ CHOOSES NOT TO GIVE ANY OPINION, UNOFFICIAL OR OFFICIAL, REF TTPI DESIRE TO KNOW IF GOJ MIGHT APPROVE A CHANGE IN THE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF TTPI FIELD TRIP SHIPS USING THE BALANCE OF FUNDS REMAINING IN THE AGREEMENT.
 3. TANAKA STATED THAT AT TH VERY LEAST GOJ WOULD NEED INFO WHY U.S. GOVT COULD NOT USE BALANCE OF JAPANESE EX GRACIA AGREEMENT CONTRIBUTION FOR THE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BETWEEN U.S. AND GOJ UNDER CATEGORIES (A) AND (B) OF THE AGREEMENT . THEY WOULD ALSO NEED INFO ON HOW THIS CHANGE TO A FIELD TRIP SHIP WOULD BE USED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. SECONDLY THEY WOULD NEED TO KNOW IF A JAPANESE COMPANY WOULD DEFINITELY BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SHIP CONSTRUCTION.
 4. THIS CONVERSATION WAS STRICTLY INFORMAL AND UNOFFICIAL BUT I BELIEVE REPRESENTS THE TRUE POSITION OF GOJ RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT
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OF CHANGE.

5. U.S. EMB TOKYO PUT OUT CONFIDENTIAL MSG R020920 MAR 76 (LOU) TOKYO 3132) TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7342 INFO WASHDC DOTA REF THIS SAME SUBJ.

6. NEW SUBJ: CTS PROJECT PALAU. I MET WITH MR. T. SHIOTA OF NISSHO-IWAI AND REQUESTED PRESENT STATUS OF CTS. HE SAID THAT PROSPECTS WERE STILL VERY GOOD AND THAT GOJ ADMIN HAS PUT BILL IN TO DIET REQUESTING 27,000,000 YEN FOR RESEARCH MONEY FOR THE PROJECT. HE STATES THIS REQUEST WILL ALSO SHOW GOJ APPROVAL OF PROJECT. HE STATED THAT NISSHO-IWAI REPRESENTED BY KAIFU AND SHIOTA WOULD GO TO TEHERAN ON 13 MAR TO MEET IRAN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUBJ. NISSHO-IWAI WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. PANERO OF PANERO ASSOCIATES, ONE OR MORE REPS FROM PALAU, AND PERHAPS SOMEONE FROM GOJ AND USG. A REPORT OF THE MEETING WILL BE SUPPLIED TO DOTA.

7. NEW SUBJ: FOR YOUR INFO, BIDS FOR TTPI FIELD TRIP SHIP DESIGN RECEIVED FROM THREE JAPANESE COMPANIES:

- A. SUMISHO (SUMITOMO) \$32,000.00
- B. NISSHO-IWAI TRADING CO \$30,000.00
- C. MITSUBISHI SHOJI TRADING CO \$25,000.00

8. LATEST INFO FROM SPN IS THAT BIDS FOR DESIGN WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL 15 MARCH AND AWARD MADE LATE MARCH. PROBABLY EARLIEST POSS DATE FOR PUTTING OUT BID FOR CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE 1 JULY AND EARLIEST DATE FOR AWARD WOULD BE MID-AUGUST OR EARLY SEPT. THIS APPEARS TO MAKE USE OF U.S./GOJ AGREEMENT FUNDS VERY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

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